

Child benefit for those entitled to claim political asylum and recognised refugees

Welcome to the Family Benefits Department of the Federal Employment Agency!

In this flyer we should like to provide you with an initial overview of the claims to child benefit held by those entitled to claim political asylum and recognised refugees.

Who receives child benefit?

Anyone who has his permanent residence or habitual place of abode in Germany is entitled to child benefit. In the case of foreign nationals who are living in Germany the entitlement to child benefit is dependent upon their residential status.

Those entitled to claim political asylum and recognised refugees hold a claim to child benefit **as from the point of time when they are deemed entitled to political asylum or recognised as refugees** as defined in the Geneva Convention on Refugees by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.

Please note: those seeking for political asylum are **not**, as a general rule, **entitled** to child benefit whilst their asylum procedure is ongoing.

Please, therefore, do not apply for child benefit until such time as a positive decision has been reached with regard to your application for asylum.

Tip: unaccompanied children may receive child benefit for themselves (Leaflet "Child benefit for

orphans or for children who do not know where their parents are staying").

For which children may one receive child benefit?

Child benefit will be paid for one's own and adopted children, as well as for the children of one's spouse, if their permanent residence or habitual place of abode is in Germany. Furthermore entitlement may also be given for grandchildren and foster children who have been accepted into one's own household.

Which additional conditions must be fulfilled by children who are over the age of 18?

Parents are entitled to child benefit until such time as their child has reached the age of 18.

It is possible for child benefit to continue to be paid for a child over the age of 18 until this child has reached, at most, the age of 25 if the child, for example:

- is currently absolving its school or vocational training, or a course of study,
- is seriously seeking a position as a trainee,
- is registered with an Employment Agency as looking for work (until it has reached the age of 21).

You will find more detailed information on this subject in the leaflet "Child Benefit".

How much is child benefit?

Child benefit is paid monthly and amounts to:

	2015	2016
for the first two children	€188	€190
for the third child	€194	€196
for every further child	€219	€221

Which documents do you need in order to apply for child benefit?

- The following documents must be submitted as an absolute necessity:
- A fully completed and signed application for child benefit,
- Appendix Child (one for each child),
- Birth certificate/Household membership confirmation
- For children over the age of 18: proof of fulfilment of the conditions (e.g. school attendance certificate)
- Proof of the incontestable recognition of entitlement to political asylum/refugee (e.g. residence permit),
- Proof of the day on which you entered Germany.

How may you contact us?

Service number child benefit: 0800 4 5555 30
Service hours: Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. till 6 p.m.

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